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All Calgary Households to Receive Green Credits for Earth Day From Wind Energy Facility

Canadian Hydro Developer, Inc. Presentation at Earth Run
Sunday, April 20, Eau Claire Market

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Calgary, AB—Canadian Hydro Developers, Inc. announces is donating green credits to the citizens of Calgary to celebrate Earth Day. A certificate representing the green credits from a wind energy facility will offset 25 per cent of the indirect emissions associated with electrical consumption for all households in Calgary on Earth Day, April 22. **The presentation of a Renewable Energy Certificate is being made today, Easter Sunday, April 20 at 1:00 p.m. during the Earth Run and Expo at Eau Claire Festival Market.**

Canadian Hydro spokesperson John Keating says, "We want to give Calgarians a green credit for a day to emphasize that every household can make a difference by taking small steps. Reducing emissions associated with electrical consumption by 25 percent makes a big impact on the environment." He adds, "We are encouraging Calgarians to take an active stance on reducing carbon emissions and purchase energy from green sources for the rest of the year."

The green credits are generated by low-impact renewable energy facilities that are powered by wind resources. Other sources of low-impact renewable energy include run-of-river hydro (using the natural force of the flowing river to create energy) and woodwaste biomass (waste products from the forestry industry).

The REC represents 1,800,000 kWh—25 per cent of electrical consumption for one day in all Calgary homes. The city has approximately 360,000 households, with the average consuming about 20 kWh per day. The presentation is worth \$54,000 (three cents for each of the 1,800,000 kWh on the certificate).

RECs are available to the general public and people can offset up to 100 per cent of their household emissions associated with electrical consumption for \$30 per 1,000 kWh. The average Alberta household consumes about 7,200 kWh annually.

Keating says there is a growing move towards using green power in Alberta, and progressive companies are leading the way. Canadian Hydro will present a REC to Community Natural Foods that offsets 100 per cent of the indirect emissions associated with electrical consumption from both store locations for 2003. This will make Community Natural Foods an exceptional Green Power Consumer for the year.

General Manager for Community Natural Foods, Michael Collens, says, "We acquired the REC to demonstrate a significant commitment to helping the environment. We're excited because the REC is a green credit from the production of wind energy in Southern Alberta."

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